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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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EXAMINER: Li Zheng

FOR: METHOD OF SELECTIVELY PRODUCING MALE OR FEMALE STERILE PLANTS

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2009, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following remarks and arguments into the record for the above-referenced application. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks and arguments.

Applicants believe there are no fees due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees deemed necessary, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1744 in the name of Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc.